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SUBJECT:COMPUTER EXPORT TO KIST: ASSURANCES NEEDED FOR
LICENSE

1. EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT IBM AND CDC HAVE PENDING REQUESTS
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT ADVANCED COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO
THE SOUTH KOREAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (KIST).
US EXPORT POLICY ON ADVANCED COMPUTER EXPORTS TO ALL
NATIONS IS TO EXERCISE CAUTION AND RECEIVE APPROPRIATE
ASSURANCES, GIVEN THE VARIETY OF POSSIBLE USES TO WHICH SUCH
COMPUTERS CAN BE PUT.

2. WITH REGARD TO THESE REQUESTS, THE US IS WILLING TO
APPROVE THE EXPORT OF THE IBM 3032 AND THE CDC CYBER 174
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UPGRADE TO KIST IF WE RECEIVE CERTAIN ASSURANCES FROM THE
ROK. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS, WE CAN APPROVE THE
EXPORT UPON EMBASSY NOTIFICATION THAT ROK IS WILLING TO
PROVIDE SUCH ASSURANCES BUT WOULD EXPECT A FORMAL NOTIFICA-
TION FROM THE ROK SUBSEQUENT THERETO.

3. PLEASE REQUEST THE FOLLOWING ASSURANCES FROM THE ROK:

(A) THE COMPUTERS WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY MILITARY PURPOSES EXCEPT AGREED US/ROK COLLABORATIVE MILITARY R & D EFFORTS;

(B) THE COMPUTERS WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY NUCLEAR APPLICATIONS UNLESS MUTUALLY AGREED BY THE US AND ROK IN ADVANCE; AND

(C) THESE COMPUTERS WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY AT KIST AND IBM SOUTH KOREA DATA CENTER FOR THE END-USES SPECIFIED IN THE APPLICATIONS AND NOT RETRANSFERRED OR USED BY UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS UNLESS MUTUALLY AGREED IN ADVANCE.

4. WHEN REQUESTING ASSURANCES EMBASSY CAN MAKE CLEAR TO ROK THAT US REQUIRES THESE ASSURANCES FOR THE EXPORT OF COMPUTERS OF SUCH AN ADVANCED CAPABILITY TO OTHER NATIONS AND NOT BECAUSE OF ANY DOUBTS ABOUT THE ROK ITSELF.

5. NO SUCH ASSURANCES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE IBM 370/158 AS IT IS A LESS ADVANCED SYSTEM. CHRISTOPHER

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